



PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

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Secondary Career and Technical Education Programs Agriculture Science/Technology Business/Marketing Technology Family and Consumer Sciences Education Medical Professions Education Technical and Professional Education General Cooperative Education Coordinated Career Education Principles of Technology Career Orientation Workplace Readiness Coordinated Compensatory Vocational Education	256,338 (115,913 enrolled in more than one program) 23,176 76,146 45,395 2,830 17,787 747 1,576 1,992 30,503 3,918 1,822	\$2,370,000 \$8,630,293 \$0 equipment replacement Total: \$11,000,293	\$2,370,000 \$8,291,072 \$0 Total: \$10,661,072	State funds from the Public School Fund Federal Carl Perkins funds	Local school districts, secondary area vocational centers, education service cooperatives, business and industry
Secondary Area Vocational Centers allow students access to quality career and technical education programs that expand offerings provided by local schools.	20 centers, 6,569 students, 174 school districts	\$9,590,127	\$10,289,250	State funds from the Public School Fund	Local school districts, education service cooperatives, postsecondary education institutions
Tech Prep 2+2 Grants are awarded to consortia of secondary and postsecondary institutions to articulate two years of secondary education with two years of postsecondary education in a technical program. Competitive grants are issued to fund development of new Tech Prep consortia in areas not covered by existing consortia.	23,370 students, 45,979 college credit hours earned through 71 articulated courses, 28 postsecondary schools, 243 secondary schools, 236 businesses and industries	\$1,392,687	\$1,443,399	Federal Carl Perkins funds	Local school districts, postsecondary education institutions, Arkansas Department of Higher Education
Career Academies are school improvement initiatives that bring teachers and students together into smaller learning communities customized around a broad career theme based on rigorous academics. The academy concept promotes team teaching and more personalized interaction with students.	Five high schools in first year of implementation	\$250,000	\$0	Federal Funds U.S. Department of Labor	Local school districts, Arkansas Department of Education
Career Opportunities provides federal funding for activities that promote to students the relevance of education to the workplace. Activities include job shadowing, mentoring, work-based learning experiences, and career information and counseling. (Program ended 6/30/03)	348,528 students in K-12 served through nine regional partnerships	\$2,405,980	\$0	Federal funds U.S. Department of Labor	Office of the Governor; Arkansas Rehabilitation Services; Arkansas departments of Economic Development, Employment Security, Education, Information Systems, Health, Higher Education, Human Services, Information, and Labor; local school districts, business and industry

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<p>Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) are recognized as integral to career and technical education at both the secondary and postsecondary levels. CTSOs provide a unique program of career and leadership development, motivation, and recognition for middle/junior high, secondary, and postsecondary students enrolled in career and technical education programs.</p> <p>DECA – an Association of Marketing Students FBLA – Future Business Leaders of America FCCLA – Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America FFA – an Association of Agriculture Students HOSA – Health Occupation Students of America PBL – Phi Beta Lambda SkillsUSA – an Association of Technical and Professional Education Students</p>	<p>47,795 total members</p> <p>1,202 16,015 10,967 13,089 794 1,106 4,622</p>	\$0	\$0	Federal legislation allows states to use Carl Perkins funds to help provide oversight and leadership for the career and technical student organizations; job duties of Workforce Education program managers include leadership activities for the career and technical student organizations	Secondary and postsecondary career and technical education teachers, student members, parents, business and industry
Vocational Student Competency Testing is conducted for program improvement and vocational student assessment.	56,969 students tested	\$85,122	\$85,122	Federal Carl Perkins funds State funds	Local school districts, secondary area vocational centers
Special Needs Programs provide special projects and adaptive equipment for secondary and postsecondary career and technical education students with disabilities and vocational counselors at several secondary area vocational centers.	2,578 students assisted	\$506,683	\$478,683	State funds from the Public School Fund	Local school districts, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, Arkansas Department of Education/Special Education Section, secondary area vocational centers
High Schools That Work is an initiative of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) designed to raise career and technical education students' achievement levels in reading, math, and science.	23 high schools in 18 school districts	\$15,000	\$120,000	Federal Carl Perkins funds	SREB, local school districts, Arkansas departments of Education and Higher Education
Jobs for Arkansas Graduates (JAG) is for students enrolled in career and technical education programs that need extra help to successfully graduate from high school and move either into meaningful employment or postsecondary education.	23 JAG sites in 16 school districts, 754 graduates	\$51,531	Undetermined	Undetermined	Local school districts, state and local workforce investment boards
Workforce Education Coordinators assist local school districts with career and technical education programs through grants to each education service cooperative.	310 school districts, 20 secondary area vocational centers	\$612,750	\$640,750	State funds from the Public School Fund	Education service cooperatives, local school districts

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The High-Tech Scholarship Program provides \$250 per semester for graduates who demonstrate superior academic and leadership skills toward enrollment in a high-tech postsecondary program.	22 students	\$9,000	\$9,000	State funds from general revenue	Postsecondary education institutions
Postsecondary Technical Institutes Arkansas Valley Technical Institute – Ozark Cotton Boll Technical Institute – Burdette Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute – Forrest City Foothills Technical Institute – Searcy Forest Echoes Technical Institute – Crossett Great Rivers Technical Institute – McGehee Northwest Technical Institute – Springdale Quapaw Technical Institute – Hot Springs Riverside Vocational-Technical School/ Arkansas Department of Correction – Grady (Arkansas Valley, Cotton Boll, Foothills, Forest Echoes, Great Rivers, and Quapaw Technical Institutes merged with higher education institutions effective 7/1/03)	31,106 students enrolled	\$17,207,548 \$6,194,119 \$2,653,488 \$336,508 \$500,000	\$6,644,116 \$1,063,868 \$758,766 \$68,059 \$0	State funds from general revenue Cash funds from tuition and fees Work Force 2000 Development Fund Federal Carl Perkins funds State funds from the General Improvement Fund	Business and industry, local school districts, chambers of commerce
State institutions serving persons who are either incarcerated or who have disabilities are eligible to receive one percent of Workforce Education's Carl Perkins federal funding to serve those populations.	N/A	\$128,816	\$130,056	Federal Carl Perkins funds	Arkansas Department of Youth Services, Arkansas School for the Deaf, Arkansas School for the Blind
The Arkansas Technical Careers Student Loan Forgiveness Program provides financial incentives to Arkansans to encourage them to enter and complete designated technical education programs that qualify them to fill the demand for employees in various technical occupations.	260 repayments made, 1,334 students in program, 50 postsecondary schools participating	\$591,503	Undetermined	State funds from the General Improvement Fund	Postsecondary public and independent education institutions; Arkansas departments of Economic Development, Employment Security, and Higher Education; business and industry
Technical and community colleges are granted Carl Perkins funding based on a formula of the number of career and technical education students receiving Pell grants.	N/A	\$2,527,483	\$2,695,631	Federal Carl Perkins funds	Arkansas Department of Higher Education
Youth Apprenticeship provides a supplemental work-based learning component to programs of study that involve at least three years of secondary and postsecondary education. Apprenticeship programs include metalworking, health care, culinary arts, pre-engineering, automotive, computers, wood products, banking, and industrial maintenance.	425 students, 9 consortia, 94 secondary schools, 55 postsecondary schools, 450 businesses and industries	\$926,000	\$925,698	State funds from the Educational Excellence Trust Fund	Arkansas Apprenticeship Coordination Steering Committee, local school districts, employers, postsecondary education institutions, U.S. Department of Labor/Bureau of Apprenticeship Training

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Traditional Apprenticeship grants are awarded to training providers to improve related classroom instruction.	98 programs, 5,014 apprentices, 369,011 contact hours	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	State funds from the Educational Excellence Trust Fund	Arkansas Apprenticeship Coordination Steering Committee, U.S. Department of Labor/Bureau of Apprenticeship Training, employers, postsecondary education institutions, Arkansas departments of Health and Labor
The Arkansas Construction Industry Craft Training Program provides for an enhanced construction industry craft training education program at the apprenticeship and postsecondary levels.	94 instructors trained	\$400,000	\$400,000	State funds from surcharge on construction permits	Arkansas Apprenticeship Coordination Steering Committee, postsecondary education institutions, local apprenticeship committees
Nontraditional funding is for promotion of nontraditional program enrollments and/or job placements. Projects include purchase and distribution of <i>American Careers High School Planner</i> magazines to Career Orientation students and software, supplemental instructional materials, and training for "The Road Less Traveled," a video curriculum promoting nontraditional education and career options.	N/A	\$150,000	\$150,000	Federal Carl Perkins funds	Local school districts, postsecondary education institutions, Ross Foundation, U.S. Department of Justice, Arkansas Department of Employment Security, Rockefeller Foundation, Alcoa Foundation
<p>Adult Education programs are free of charge and are offered in all 75 counties through 53 adult education centers. Adults receive individualized instruction from certified teachers in a classroom setting to improve their basic educational skills.</p> <p>Adult education is the largest provider of English as a Second Language (ESL) programs for adults. ESL programs are available in the classroom and in the workplace. Adult education services are also provided in correctional facilities and in family literacy programs.</p> <p>The Workforce Alliance for Growth in the Economy (WAGE) program is composed of local alliances of adult educators and employers that work to identify the competency skills needed in the community's existing and future workforce. Instruction is customized to teach those skills either through the local adult education program or at the work site.</p>	<p>63,941 students, 174 companies, 6,679 employees</p> <p>4,845 students</p> <p>3,046 students, 134 business partners, 944 started work while in WAGE, 893 started work after WAGE, 128 received raise or promotion after WAGE</p>	<p>\$17,223,949</p> <p>\$6,184,059</p>	<p>\$16,900,000</p> <p>\$5,591,873</p>	<p>State funds from the Public School Fund</p> <p>Federal adult education and literacy funds</p>	Local school districts; postsecondary education institutions; Arkansas Literacy Councils, Inc.; state and local workforce investment boards and One- Stop Career Centers, business and industry; secondary area vocational centers; education service cooperatives; Arkansas departments of Economic Development, Education, Employment Security, and Human Services
Adult education's GED Testing Program provides adults who did not finish high school a chance to earn the General Educational Development (GED) credential, which is the equivalent of a high school diploma. GED instruction and tests are free of charge.	57 test centers, 5,049 students of 5,946 tested (85 percent) earned their GED credential in calendar year 2002.	\$124,004	\$254,927	State funds from the Public School Fund	Local school districts, postsecondary education institutions

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Adult Education and the Department of Human Services have entered into a contract for a Food Stamp Employment and Training Program . The program is geared to assist able-bodied food stamp recipients with either no dependents or dependents at least six years of age find work and stay employed by providing assessments and services such as classes to increase basic skills and/or get a GED, employment counseling, and job search assistance.	405 food stamp clients increased basic education skills, 11 earned a GED; 185 obtained employment	\$407,754	\$541,657	Department of Human Services	Adult education providers, Department of Human Services field offices, workforce centers
The Arkansas Adult Learning Resource Center collects and disseminates educational resources to adult education/literacy providers and plans and coordinates staff development activities for providers.	All adult education and literacy providers	\$376,051 \$912,671	\$444,000 \$999,000	State funds from the Public School Fund Federal funds from the Workforce Investment Act/ Title II, the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act	Adult education providers, Arkansas Literacy Councils, Inc., Department of Human Services, nonprofit organizations
Grants and Aids to Councils provide state funding to support Arkansas Literacy Councils, Inc., and local literacy councils. These nonprofit organizations recruit and train volunteers as tutors to help Arkansans improve basic education skills in a one-on-one learning environment.	11,842 students, 1,180 trained volunteer tutors	\$675,000	\$675,000	State funds from the Public School Fund	Adult education providers, Arkansas Literacy Councils, Inc., Department of Human Services, nonprofit organizations
The Governor's Dislocated Worker Task Force assists individuals and communities impacted by job layoffs. Funds are provided for staff to attend community meetings, conduct worker assistance workshops and assessment tests, and provide individual counsel to dislocated workers. Five Mobile Career Resource Centers equipped with computers provide rapid response services to any location where dislocated workers need immediate job training.	5,309 dislocated workers, 57 companies assisted, 1,230 dislocated workers served through Mobile Career Resource Centers, 238 through Educational Fairs, and 2,492 through worker assistance workshops	\$496,862	\$464,168	Federal funds from the Workforce Investment Act	Arkansas departments of Economic Development, Employment Security, and Insurance; Arkansas AFL-CIO; Mental Health Services; Family Services Agency; Small Business Administration; local chambers of commerce; business and industry
Short-Term Adult Occupational Skill Training Grants provide financial assistance to public school districts in offering short-term occupational skill training to their local communities on an as-needed basis.	16 school districts, 2,162 participants	\$300,000	\$300,000	State funds from the Public School Fund	Local school districts

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The State Approving Agency for Veterans Training approves all educational institutions and business establishments that want to enroll veterans and eligible beneficiaries under the G.I. Bill.	2,264 programs approved 244 eligible institutions	\$157,897	\$171,610	Federal funds from the Veterans Administration	Public and private postsecondary education institutions and business and industry seeking approval
The Federal Surplus Property Agency acquires surplus property from the federal government and donates the property to eligible recipients. Recipients are charged for the cost of transportation and an acquisition fee.	1,783 recipients registered with agency, actual worth of property allocated was \$7,683,945	\$815,939	\$1,010,309	This agency is self-supporting through collection of service charges/fees on purchases by eligible recipients	Eligible recipients include city, county, and state government agencies; hospitals; local school districts; postsecondary education institutions; other eligible nonprofit organizations

ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES (ARS) is dedicated to providing comprehensive vocational training and education and independent living services for people with disabilities.

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The General Field Program provides a wide array of services designed to assist individuals with disabilities in obtaining and keeping employment.	22,252 clients served	\$28,503,249	\$29,192,103	Rehabilitation Act Amendments, Title I and Title VI	Doctors, hospitals, public schools, Employment Security Department, interested individuals and agencies who serve persons with disabilities
The Hot Springs Rehabilitation Center offers one of the most comprehensive rehabilitation programs available in the nation. Since the first students were enrolled on January 2, 1961, over 23,000 people with disabilities have been served. The center provides a full range of services including complete live-in accommodations, personal and vocational evaluation, employability services, vocational training in 17 job fields, and job placement assistance.	906 clients served	\$13,001,605	\$13,010,605	Federal funds and other sources	Local field offices
The Office for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired serves people who are deaf or hard of hearing with Independent Living Services. Ten counselors operate out of nine field offices statewide.	746 clients served	\$409,785	\$409,785	Social Services Block Grant	Arkansas School for the Deaf, Arkansas Association for the Deaf, Educational Services for the Hearing Impaired (ESHI), and other organizations for the hearing-impaired
Supported Employment is integrated employment into an integrated work setting with ongoing support for individuals with the most severe disabilities.	278 clients served	\$282,975	\$279,415	State funds Title VI, Part C	Community rehabilitation programs, private supported employment vendors, nonprofit organizations
Services for Persons with End Stage Renal Disease are provided by the Arkansas Kidney Disease Commission to people with end stage renal disease and to people who have received kidney transplants.	1,596 clients served	\$1,086,124	\$1,210,000	State funds	Dialysis units, hospitals, and doctors
Special Services for Deaf-Blind is a program designed to develop and demonstrate the feasibility of serving the unmet needs of persons who are deaf-blind and their families. Clients eligible for the program are served on an ongoing monthly basis.	75 clients served	\$23,903	\$25,000	State funds	Arkansas School for the Blind, Arkansas School for the Deaf, local physicians
Supported Housing increases the supply of accessible, affordable housing for people with disabilities and for the elderly. Supported Housing draws from a vast array of resources in identifying funding sources for low income, accessible housing.	201 clients served	\$61,929	\$60,000	Federal funds State funds	Local banks, Arkansas Farm Bureau, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, all lending agencies

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<p>The Technology Access for Persons with Disabilities/Increasing Capabilities Access Network is a federally funded program designed to make technology information available and accessible to Arkansans with disabilities. Information is provided on new and existing technology.</p> <p>The Technology Equipment Exchange through the ICAN maintains an equipment database that lists hundreds of items available for sale, exchange, loan, trade, or donation.</p>	<p>4,822 clients served</p> <p>540 clients provided equipment</p>	\$386,000	\$386,000	Federal grant from the National Institute of Disability and Rehabilitation Research	Medicaid, medical vendors, individuals with disabilities, University Affiliated Programs, University of Arkansas/Fayetteville and Little Rock, University of Central Arkansas/Conway, Lions World Services for the Blind, Advocacy Services, Disability Policy Consortium, nonprofit organizations.
The Arkansas Consortium for Employment Success is a system change project to expand employment opportunities for individuals with physical or mental disabilities, or both, who receive public support.	333 clients served	\$749,857	\$391,099	Rehabilitation Services Administration federal grant	Arkansas departments of Employment Security, Human Services (Welfare/Medicaid), and Information Systems; Arkansas Division of Services for the Blind; Arkansas Social Security Disability Determination
The Creative Alternatives for Delta Area Transportation is a project to assist in providing employment-related transportation to individuals with disabilities in the Mississippi River Delta region in Arkansas.	168 clients served	\$275,000	\$275,000	Rehabilitation Services Administration federal grant	Arkansas Transit Association, Arkansas Public Transportation Coordinating Council, Arkansas departments of Highway and Transportation, Human Services, and Employment Security, Independent Living Centers, local workforce investment boards and workforce centers, Chambers of Commerce, TEA-Coalition Boards and Area Agency on Aging, and other community transportation providers within the Delta Area.
The Telecommunications Access Program provides telephone equipment to eligible individuals. This program serves Arkansans who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf/blind, speech impaired, or who have a visual, mobility or cognitive impairment that prevents them from using a standard telephone	367 clients served	\$98,565	\$125,000	State Funds from Access line charges.	Individuals with disabilities, agencies that serve persons with disabilities, Rehab counselors, licensed health professionals, TAP Advisory Council.
The Arkansas Assistive Technology Alternative Financing Program provides Arkansans with disabilities access to below market rate, extended term loans for the purchase of assistive technology.	Five clients assisted	\$1,500,000	(Carryover from FY 2003)	National Institute on Disability Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) Federal grant with state match	Arkansas Development Finance Authority, Technology Equipment Revolving Loan Fund Committee

**A majority of federal grants require a 21.3% state match; therefore, a mixture of funds may support all services to clients